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Self-Anchored Suspension Bridge
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Michael Flowers
Project Executive
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Dear Michael Flowers,

Access to the Tower Shaft

The Department's QA inspectors have found that there are an increasing number of occurrences where it is becoming extremely difficult to be efficient and proactive due to lack of timely notification for NDT and lack of access to the tower shafts. In addition, there are occasions where the power supplies are cut off so that they spend much of their time establishing power supply to the shaft.

Scheduled notification for NDT is required by AWS D1.5 Section 6.6.6, and safe access is required pursuant to Section 5-1.08, "Inspection" of the Standard Specifications, which states in part, "The Engineer shall, at all times, have safe access to the work during its construction, and shall be furnished with every reasonable facility for ascertaining that the materials and the workmanship are in accordance with the requirements and intention of these specifications, the special provisions and the plans."

The Department requests your immediate action to resolve this matter so that the proper and timely inspections can be performed.

If you would like to discuss this further or have any questions, please contact Doug Coe.

Sincerely,

GARY PURSELL
Resident Engineer

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